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In re Application of
George B. Bumiller.
Application No. 10/787,024
Filed: February 25, 2004
For: PHONE NUMBER REPLACE CODE
SYSTEM AND METHOD

DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.102 to make special filed November 22, 2004 which is considered as pursuant to MPEP §708.02 (IV), applicant's age.

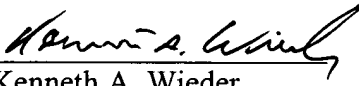
A petition to make special under MPEP §708.02, IV, must show that petitioner is 65 years of age, or more. Acceptable evidence includes a birth certificate, copy of a driver's license, or simply a statement by the applicant. No fee is required.

The petition includes a statement by George B. Bumiller that he over 65 years of age.

Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will retain its special status throughout its entire prosecution, including any appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, subject only to diligent prosecution by the applicant.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for expedited prosecution.


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